for the last 3 years are as under:—

(*In lakh tonnes*)

Year	Fertilizer Nutrients Imported			
	N	P	K	Total
1984-85	20·08	7 45	8 71	36·24
1985-86	16 80	8 16	9 03	33 99
1986-87	11·13	2·8	8 82	22·82

(c) The inventory position of the manufacturing companies during the same period is given in Statement No. 2 attached. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 33]

Stoppage of railway freight subsidy to fertilizer manufacturing units

825. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under their consideration to stop payment of railway freight subsidy due to various fertilizer manufacturing units; and

(b) if so, the details and reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) and (b) There is no proposal for stopping payment of freight subsidy under Government's consideration at present. However, a group has been constituted by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for going into the modalities for calculation of primary & secondary freight based on ECA allocations.

Production of Modern Bread

826. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Modern Bread has come down by 30,000 loaves a day;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the General Manager has patronised only one miller instead of getting tender and quotations from other millers also;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken to follow the rules and normal procedure?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The production of Modern Bread during April-September 1987 was higher by 22 lakh standard loaves, as compared to the same period last year.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise

(e) The company has laid down standard purchase procedure for all materials and the same is followed strictly by all the units of the company.

Damage to crops caused by drought and floods

827 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of crops in the country which has been damaged due to drought and floods;

(b) what is the estimated shortfall in the production of agricultural commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE